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DAHLIAS

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PALMS, CALIFORNIA

P. O. Box 172



## O. & C. DAHLIAS

We take pleasure in offering this collection of dahlias believing that they will prove satisfactory in every way. As with us the past season they all did exceptionally well. Thanking you for your patronage in the past and hoping to merit your confidence in the future, we are

Yours respectfully,

W. H. Oliver

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We received our full share of Blue Ribbons the past season in the Southern California Dahlia Shows, including two of which we are really proud.

1st—1928 Decorative Seedling.

1st—1928 Hybrid Cactus Seedling.

At the Los Angeles Biltmore Show.

## GREEN PLANTS

We strongly recommend green plants which we fully guarantee to give satisfaction.

The price is one-half the catalog price of tubers, except in the case of the cheaper varieties. We do not sell plants at less than \$1.00 and do not ship east of the mountains.

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## QUALITY DAHLIA SEED

Have you ever tried growing dahlias from seed? They are in bloom about 120 days from planting. If good seed is used they should all make good garden flowers, about 80 per cent being large and double with a possibility of say 15 per cent being the best blooms in your garden. It is very interesting and the shows all offer prizes in the seedling classes which are well worth going after.

No two people having the same facilities at hand it is useless to give any set way of planting. Only, one might say—handle the seed much as you would plant tomato seed.

Transplant into 3-inch pots if possible and never let them get a set-back. After they are planted out in the garden handle just as you would your best tubers. Tie up and disbud to see what the possibilities of the plant really are, as there will be some you will want to hold over for another year.

The seed we offer is all matured on the plant, hand picked and cleaned. As we grow only the highest type of Decorative and Hybrid Cactus Dahlias, there being no other types growing near, the seedlings follow very close to these classes of flower. They do not come true to the parent although some of the plant characteristics are usually noticeable.

As we grow in the neighborhood of 150 varieties we have seed of a great many more than are listed in our catalogue. We can sell either with name of parent or mixed as you wish.

Our seed is offered in three grades.

Special XXX .....	\$10.00	per 100 net
XXX .....	5.00	per 100 net
XX Mixed .....	3.00	per 100 net

**Order Early**—As orders are filled in rotation, ordering early will assure the reservation of varieties that otherwise may be sold out. We never substitute unless directed.

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**Guarantee**—We guarantee all tubers and plants true to name and their arrival in good growing condition.

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**Terms**—Remittance with order; all retail orders are delivered prepaid.

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**Orders**—Orders are carefully filled with tubers strong in quality, selected from clumps which produced healthy, vigorous plants last season.





Our eleven and one-half inch bloom which won  
First 1928 Decorative Seedling Award at the  
Los Angeles Biltmore Show.

It is a massive golden bronze, the back of the  
petals being tinted rose pink, giving a  
two-toned effect.

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WATCH FOR OUR 1930 INTRODUCTIONS!



# LATEST IN DAHLIAS

## ADDA PATTERSON—

One of the best white Hybrid Cactus Dahlias to date. The flowers are pure white, and average 8 to 9 inches in diameter. The plant is a beautiful grower, reaching a height of 7 feet. The large blooms are held well above the foliage on stiff stems than can be cut four or five feet in length. A splendid keeper, and equally good for exhibition and decorative purposes. An all around white dahlia that will win keenest competition.

Tubers \$2.00

## ALTAMONT—

Rose pink, deepening to American Beauty rose toward the center of the flower. The flower is large, averaging eight inches and over in diameter, full decorative type, with long slightly curled petals, giving the individual blooms a very artistic finish.

Tubers \$2.00

## AMARILLO GRANDE (D)—

Color is a light yellow. Flowers are enormous and produce in abundance. The dahlia is classed as a hybrid decorative. It was one of the outstanding varieties shown the past season.

Tubers \$2.00

## AZTEC GLORY (D)—

Picric yellow (lemon yellow), large flowers of most unusual formation, held erect on strong stems. As an exhibition yellow decorative, I have never seen its equal.

Tubers \$10.00

## BARBARA REDFERN (D)—

This is one of the biggest and most perfect dahlias we have ever grown. Color is a delightful blend of old rose and old gold. Size is immense, depth is very great. Flower is borne on heavy, stiff stems. Begins blooming early and continues until the end of the season. Bushes are fairly tall, vigorous growers, and are profuse bloomers.

Tubers \$3.00

## CALIZONA (D)—

Deep rich yellow, the large flowers of very distinct shape stand out boldly on splendid strong stems, making it one of the most conspicuous dahlias in the garden.

Tubers \$1.50

## CITY OF PEACE (D)—

A gorgeous cameo pink with a glint of gold. The color that appeals. Very strong, healthy plant. Has attracted a lot of attention the past season.

Tubers \$7.50

### **COLOR SERGEANT (D)—**

A very striking Dahlia both in form and color. Color is a rich, deep salmon bronze of one shade. Clean, upright grower of excellent habits and a perfect stem. We consider this one of the best all-around varieties we have grown for exhibition or cutting.

**Tubers \$5.00**

### **EAGLE ROCK BEAUTY (D)—**

A more beautiful combination of pink and cream than is displayed in this glorious creation would be difficult to imagine. It is in a class by itself and unanimously admired by all who have seen it. It is vigorous in growth, with good habits, and strong stems holding perfectly erect the immense blooms which are full to the center and produced in abundance until frost.

**Plants only \$3.00**

### **EAGLE ROCK JEWEL (H. C.)—**

Cream overlaid cameo pink (shell pink), this combination making it a most beautiful dahlia. The large flowers are borne on strong stems; it is a vigorous grower and a free bloomer.

**Tubers \$10.00**

### **EAGLE ROCK SUNSHINE (C)—**

The color is a deep shade of yellow, the flowers are very large and held perfectly erect on strong stems. It shows no tendency to become pendant even under the most unfavorable conditions. Blooms are full to the center until frost.

**Tubers \$2.50**

### **EDNA FERBER (H. C.)—**

The 1927 creation of Fisher & Masson. This dahlia was awarded a Certificate of Merit at the trial garden 1926. Coloring of this fine variety is very pleasing, salmon shading to gold. A good dahlia with the best of stems.

**Plants only \$3.00**

### **ELITE PEACH—**

A fine exhibition decorative. Large blooms of a Salmon-buff, held above a vigorous growing bush, on fine, strong stems. A dahlia that was very popular wherever it was shown. It's lovely coloring always attracting attention.

**\$1.00**

### **ELIZABETH FORD (D)—**

A new creation and one of the very best on the market today. A very rich raspberry color, of giant size held on very long, stiff stems. Free bloomer.

**Tubers \$2.00**

### **ELLINOR VANDERVEER (D)—**

An incomparable dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size, having every desirable quality. The large blossoms are of a glowing, satiny, rose pink. The flowers are of great depth and substance, and are held far above a tall, sturdy bush, on exceptionally long, stiff stems.

Tubers \$1.00

### **ELSIE DANIELS (H. C.)—**

An especially fine type of exhibition dahlia, full center of creamy white shading to a lilac pink on outer row of petals. The low bushes are wonderful producers of large flowers on straight, stiff stems.

Tubers \$1.00

### **EMMA MARIE—**

A favorite Hybrid Cactus because of its pleasing shade of clear pink with a creamy white center, and its combination of exhibition and commercial qualities not found in many dahlias. It is a robust grower, producing deep, full-centered blooms averaging eight inches in diameter on three to four foot stems in ordinary field culture.

Tubers \$1.00

### **EVA L. QUADLING (D)—**

The largest and deepest pure red dahlia. Exhibition and commercial cut flower that we have grown. The bloom is really immense. It is a plant that must be staked well as the bloom is very heavy.

Tubers \$7.50

### **FAY LANPHIER (H. C.)—**

A very beautiful creamy yellow, the color we all like. The handsome large blooms are held on good stems.

Tubers \$2.00

### **FLAMING METEOR (D)—**

This new dahlia will be grown by everyone who loves rich colors, by growers who sell to florists and by fans who exhibit dahlias for prizes. It was awarded first prize last fall at the various dahlia shows held in Southern California. The flower is large, of good depth, splendid form and unexcelled keeping qualities. Stems long, tough and cane like. The color is a flaming orange scarlet deepening to burnt orange at center where each petal shows an amber yellow base, thus making a beautiful central halo.

Tubers \$2.00

### **FORT WASHINGTON (D)—**

Here is a dahlia that can and has won many prizes of the largest in the show. Very seldom less than 10 inches without forcing. The larger flowers are held perfectly erect on long cane stiff

stems. Winners of many prizes in all classes for decoratives. Has size, refinement, a free bloomer and the color is a most charming deep maroon.

**Tubers \$2.00**

### **GALLI-CURCI (D)—**

This splendid new blossom is large and unusually deep, carried on long stems which are sturdy. Color brilliant salmon orange with good suffusion. As a seedling this bloom had many medals and special awards. We recommend it highly.

**\$5.00**

### **GOLDEN EMBLEM (D)—**

This is a splendid new yellow from Oregon. The flowers, which have a fine formation, are a deep rich golden yellow. The stems are of the very best and the foliage is strong and healthy.

**Tubers \$5.00**

### **GRANDOLA (D)—**

Brilliant orange, medium size blooms held erect on fine stems. A dahlia that is proving popular as a cut flower.

**Tubers \$2.00**

### **HARRY MAYER (D)—**

Pale rosolane purple, with dark green foliage pleasing to the eye. This imported variety ranks with our best, and was one of the leading exhibition varieties in the Eastern Shows last year.

**\$5.00**

### **JANE COWL—**

The sensation of the A. D. S. show 1927. A massive deep decorative with petals curled and twisted. Color a glistening bronzy buff and old gold blending to a deeper shade toward center of flower, reverse of petals a pale flesh color, giving the flower, as a whole, a warm glow. A stem of unusual strength holds this giant decorative erect over a plant of ideal growth, foliage thick and leathery, insect resisting. Awarded Certificate of Merit, A. D. S. Trial Garden, at Storrs.

**Tubers \$10.00**

### **JERSEY'S BEACON (D)—**

Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two-toned effect, very large flower, vigorous grower, and with a good stem.

**Tubers \$1.50**

### **JERSEY'S IDEAL (D)—**

The color of this variety is best described as lavender-pink, although sometimes it is nearer lavender, flowers are borne face up on top of the stems, the long petals falling down and making a very deep flower; vigorous grower and free bloomer and an ideal stem.

**Tubers \$3.00**

### **JERSEY SUPREME (D)—**

A very pleasing shade of Laelia pink; the flowers are medium size. It is a very free bloomer. The stems are slim but stiff.

**Tubers \$5.00**

### **LA MEXICANA (H. C.)—**

A difficult color to describe. Ridgeway's chart names it Grenadine Orange, perhaps burnt orange toning to copper would better describe it. Center of flower lighter in shade and tips of petals slightly tinged with gold. An extremely early and free bloomer, yet easily attaining exhibition size. Flowers borne on slender, stiff, black stems, medium to tall habit of growth, dark green foliage.

**Tuber \$5.00**

### **LAVENDULA (D)—**

I consider this to be the best large flowered lavender dahlia that I have seen. The color is a pleasing shade of lavender throughout. It is a strong grower, with fine stems and habit, and was universally admired by those who saw it in bloom.

**Tuber \$3.00**

### **LILLIAN HART (D)—**

This dahlia immediately attracts the attention of all visitors to our gardens. Can best be described as an old rose, I. deVer Warner, which speaks for itself.

**Tubers \$2.00**

### **MARIAN BROOMALL (H. C.)—**

Pink and white, a beautiful large bloom standing erect on good stems. Tall grower.

**Tubers \$2.00**

### **MIRAFLORA (C)—**

White tinted violet pink, the petals are long, straight and rather narrow, the flowers are 8 to 10 inches in diameter without disbudding. Prolific bloomer with good stems.

**Tubers \$1.50**

### **MISS BRIDGETON (D)—**

Here we have a clear deep pink without any shading. The petals twist somewhat enhancing its beauty. It has size, growing to nine inches without disbudding or forcing. Excellent growth, prolific bloomer, exceptionally long stems.

**Tubers \$1.00**

### MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN (D)—

One of the finest we grew last year; a giant flower on good stems. Color is mulberry, suffused with gold.

Tubers \$2.00

### MY MARYLAND—

This exhibition hybrid cactus is of a decidedly unique coloring, a blending of unusually delicate pink with the faintest suggestion of lavender, the pointed petals whorl and twist in such a manner as to blend the two colors. There are pinks and there are lavenders, but this flower is in a color class of its own. Excellent stems and leathery foliage.

Tuber \$10.00

### NANCY SUE LANG (D)—

Immense flowers, red tipped gold, habit of plant is dwarf and very robust. A flower that attracts immediate attention.

Tuber \$5.00

### NETAWAKA (D)—

Orange yellow base shading to jasper red, reverse of petal bright carmine. The petals are twisted so that the reverse color is very much in evidence, the large flowers are borne on good stems, very distinct and pleasing both in form and unusual coloring. Height 5 feet.

Tuber \$5.00

### NICHU (H. C.)—

An extremely large light sulphur yellow of perfect formation. The flowers have fine long stiff stems and remarkable keeping qualities.

Tubers \$1.00

### ORANGE GOLD (H. C.)—

Blooms of medium size carried on good stems, color rich orange yellow.

Tubers \$1.00

### PEPPER'S DELIGHT (H. D.)—

New 1928. A gorgeous dahlia with long pointed curly petals which go back to the stem making a very deep and showy bloom. The center is high and full even late in the season. Color, yellow at center shading to cream then to watermelon pink on the outer petals. Flowers are borne on good stems facing up. The bush is a strong grower of medium height and the foliage is fern-like in appearance.

Tubers \$5.00

### POP STEWART (D)—

A remarkable flower of great size. A rosy pink, but as the flower matures it tones out into a most exquisite shade of the purest lilac pink. A wonderful grower with splendid stem and a great prize winner.

Tubers \$1.00

### **PRIDE OF STRATFORD (D)—**

Predominating color, cadmium orange, shading to light yellow at the base of petals, reverse rose doree. Perhaps this description is taken from the color chart and is correct, but we could describe it better to the dahlia growers by saying it was a beautiful orange shading to a deep red at the center. It is a dahlia that should be in every collection. The stems are stiff holding the very large bloom erect.

**Tubers \$3.00**

### **PRIMULA REX—**

A startling decorative of a very light cream or primrose color. It attracts immediate attention in the garden with its vigorous growing bush, producing gigantic flowers on strong, stiff stems.

**Tubers \$2.00**

### **ROLLO BOY (H. C.)—**

Delicate shade of amber, shading to old gold. A strong growing plant of medium height, producing large flowers in great profusion, on the best of stems. A leading prize winner.

**Tubers \$1.00**

### **SALBACH'S WHITE (D)—**

A most beautiful large ivory white bloom, of perfect form. Keeps well and does not burn. A real prize winner wherever shown.

**\$5.00**

### **SISKIYOU (H. C.)—**

Pink-tinged mauve, huge flowers which created a sensation wherever shown. The plants are sturdy and vigorous and the flowers are held erect on strong stems. This dahlia invariably won first prize for largest bloom at the shows last season.

**Tubers \$1.00**

### **THE BANDIT (H. C.)—**

Color spectrum red with backs of petals buff yellow. A striking flower. Flowering habit profuse; stems erect, carrying flower on top. score 88.

**Plants only \$2.00**

### **THE LEMONADE—**

We have seen this decorative grown to very large size with the blossoms held erect on long stiff stems. The color is a pleasing primrose yellow.

**Tubers \$3.00**

### **WATCHUNG SUNRISE (D)—**

This is possibly the best new dahlia of the year and was the sensation of the New York Show. It is a rich golden yellow suffused amaranth pink towards the outer petals. The flowers are enormous and when fully developed form a perfect sphere. It is a vigorous grower, and the stems are perfect.

**Tubers \$5.00**







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